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TO: Local District Superintendents, Principals, Public School Academy  
Directors, and School Counselors

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SUBJECT: Parent *EduGuides*

Soon, you will receive free copies of the 2006 edition of the national award-winning *EduGuide* Middle School Edition designed especially for parents of students entering middle school next year. Produced by Partnership for Learning in collaboration with the Michigan Department of Education (MDE), this publication provides parents with important information including course selections that best prepare students for success in middle and high school.

It is my hope that districts will forward these guides to their middle schools for distribution to parents as soon as possible.

Ways to Maximize the Value of *EduGuides*

1. Forward sufficient copies of *EduGuides* to schools to ensure each incoming middle school family receives a copy.
2. Encourage schools to distribute the guides to appropriate families — by mail, at events, or sent home with the student.
3. To ensure you continue to get *EduGuides*, return the brief survey included with your shipment, identifying the district staff person you would like designated to receive and distribute these meaningful publications.

About *EduGuides*

Each year, *EduGuide* editions are developed for parents of students making transitions into elementary, middle and high school. This year, the Partnership for Learning is introducing a new College *EduGuide*.

To assist you in planning, the *EduGuide* distribution schedule is:

October: Elementary School Years *EduGuide*, free to kindergarten families.  
March: High School Years *EduGuide*, free to new freshmen families,  
timed for spring orientation sessions.  
April: Middle School Years *EduGuide*, free to new sixth-grade families, also  
timed for spring orientation sessions.

These publications also are available online at [www.partnershipforlearning.org](http://www.partnershipforlearning.org). For more information, please email Jan@PartnershipforLearning.org or call 1-800-832-2464.

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